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Applicant	: Thomas et al.	
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Title	: SHOWER HEAD ASSEMBLY	Examiner: Hogan, James Sean

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(b)(4) and 1.98
and STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS UNDER M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b)**

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Sir:

The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a during examination of the above-identified patent application. These references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting these references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Consolidated Patent Rules of February 1, 2005, waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), only copies of the foreign references and non-patent literature documents are provided. Copies of the U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication references are not provided, unless required by the Office.

The following patents are not in the English language: EP0478999, EP0617644, EP0719588, EP0733747, EP0808661 and CH234284. An English translation of each abstract is attached to their respective patent, which are enclosed, to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance.

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is requested to consider the following application

commonly owned by the Assignee of the present application and that may include subject matter similar to that of the present application:

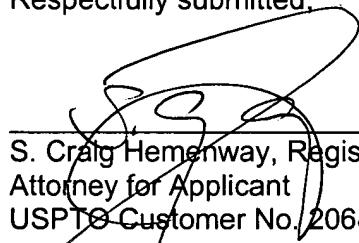
(1) U.S. patent application no. 11/219,144, filed September 1, 2005, pending.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the first Office action, concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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